

Fourth Congressional District's northwest counties, is the result of collaborative efforts by the Mulberry River Society, U.S. Forest Service, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and the Arkansas Canoe Club.

The resulting restoration will allow the Mulberry River to continue as a recreation spot for residents and visitors alike for decades to come. I congratulate the Mulberry River Society on its restoration and look forward to marking the occasion in person on Friday, April 20, 2018 at its 50th Anniversary Celebration of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act on the banks of the Mulberry River.

TRIBUTE TO LOREN LONG

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Loren Long. Loren was recently awarded the Greenfield Lion of the Year Award.

As a member of the Lion's organization for many years, Loren has worked tirelessly behind the scenes. He has dedicated his time to ensuring the organizations success in his community, whether it was working cleanup after events or getting the word out about upcoming community events. Loren, along with his wife Mary, are also the owners of Long's Market in Greenfield.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Loren for receiving this outstanding award and I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Loren and in wishing him nothing but continued success.

ISRAELI INDEPENDENCE IS 70 YEARS OLD

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this week Israelis celebrate 70 years of independence and success against all odds. In Israel, independence day is celebrated the day after the entire country solemnly remembers its fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism.

The mingling of memorial and celebration in Israel is rooted in the country's history: from the very moment of its founding, Israel's enemies have tried time and again to wipe the Jewish state off the map.

Israel was established in 1948 as a refuge for the Jewish people, after generations of oppression in all corners of the earth. After over 2,000 years of exile, Holocaust survivors and persecuted Jews from Muslim lands miraculously returned to their ancient homeland to forge a new future together.

These refugees went on to make the desert blossom and establish a prosperous, industrious, and free nation. Today, Israel stands as a stalwart American ally and an outpost of freedom and democracy in a region plagued with tyranny and fear.

So today, we congratulate Israel for 70 years of defying the odds and tell the Israeli

people: The United States will always stand by their side.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO ZELL MILLER

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, given the recent passing of former Georgia Governor and United States Senator Zell Miller, I include in the RECORD reflections of my dear friend and mentor, former Congressman Jack T. Brinkley of Columbus, Georgia, entitled "The Influence of Peach Tarts." Zell Miller, Jack Brinkley, and Guy Sharpe, distinguished men of great service and accomplishment, were Phi Chi Champion Debaters at Young Harris College.

Their accomplishments bring to mind what the English poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow once wrote: "The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by sudden flight, but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night."

THE INFLUENCE OF PEACH TARTS

"The faintest flutter of a butterfly's wings may result in a hurricane one hundred years hence."—Unknown

Behind our rural home in Bettstown, Georgia, we had a small barn-like structure which we called the corn crib. It had a fine tin top which got blazing hot in the summer time. Daddy stored wagon loads of his corn crop in the crib, and that is where a huge, orange colored rat snake lived and thrived. It looked after the rats nicely and would always frighten us children when we played among the ears of corn.

We had a peach tree nearby, and mother used to gather peaches and slice them for drying on top of the corn crib. She would place cloth beneath them and above them, and the preservation process didn't take all that long.

After they dried out she kept them in a flour sack in our shed room, and we would often eat some of them out there. Mother was ahead of her time, considering the dried fruit industry of today.

Also, equally important in the process, she would make peach tarts, and they had a wonderful, tree ripened, robust taste. To eat one was to crave another one.

Our family had little to offer at a Franklin Baptist Church social at Betts' Mill pond one night, and mother decided to make a huge platter of peach tarts.

Mr. Frank Betts was the taciturn owner and operator of the grist mill there and a man of few words. That night he smacked his lips and asked, "Who was it that brought the peach tarts?" Miss Ollie, his utterly remarkable wife, answered him, "Pauline, did."

The Pauline of whom she spoke was my mother Pauline Spearman Brinkley, and with the peach tarts she set in motion an incredible and providential chain of events for me.

My daddy left home, and my mother kept the family together, riding the school bus with us and working at the lunchroom. The community was there for us as well, and Frank Betts came to our rescue by loaning us a Milk Cow and calf for our use during those hard times.

Mother showed me how to milk the cow, and it was as natural to me as breathing. On cold winter days I would rest my head on the

warm flank of old Muley and milk with both hands with the pail between my knees. "If you done it," said Dizzy Dean, the famous baseball player, "It ain't braggin'!" I did become very good at milking.

Upon graduation from high school the next year, my uncle Devon Brinkley, told me of a college where you could work a quarter and go to school a quarter. It was Young Harris College, where the outstanding Cathy Cox of Bainbridge would many years later become president, and the president at that time, Hon. Walter Downs, accepted my application to go.

Mother polished my shoes and off I went without money but with determination. When I got to Young Harris, I lived in the dormitory with the other students and ate with them in the wonderful dining hall.

And now, as Paul Harvey would say, for the rest of the story.—My work that first summer was at the college dairy, and providentially I knew how to milk a cow, how to do the work and how to do it well.

While at Young Harris I became of Phi Chi Champion Debater with Zell Miller and Guy Sharpe, and from there became a teacher, a USAF pilot during the Korean war, a lawyer, a United States Congressman and a trustee of the college. Like old Dizzy Dean said . . .

Today there is a Pauline Spearman Brinkley Memorial Highway just up the road from where mother made the peach tarts which our beloved Frank Betts liked so well. Was that possibly in the back of his mind when he loaned us old Muley? Actually, he and Miss Ollie did that as the Christian friends which they were, but the peach tarts surely set the stage in a young boy's mind.

Never underestimate the power and influence of peach tarts.

HONORING WAYS AND MEANS STAFF DIRECTOR DAVID STEWART

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize a good friend, a trusted policy adviser and by every measure, one of the very best to ever serve the Ways and Means Committee and the House, Mr. David Stewart.

David began his Congressional journey in 2000 when he came to intern for Ways and Means Committee Member Congressman Phil English. Over his career as a staffer, David became a trusted voice on policy for Speaker John Boehner, Speaker PAUL RYAN, and two and a half years ago to me when he joined the Ways and Means Committee as staff director.

This past year, with David's steady leadership, and immutable resolve we were able to pass the first tax reform in a generation that's boosted our economy and helped so many families.

David's focus has always been on making lives better for all Americans, and I stand here today to tell him job well done. David is a selfless public servant, who has sacrificed time away from his family—his wife Betsy and his daughters Grace and Poppy and has served his nation well.

To say David works hard is an understatement. Once when he was asked how many hours he works per week, David replied simply with "a lot." This also shows David's witty and wry sense of humor that has always made busy days brighter.

His dedication to mastering intricate policy is unmatched. I know I speak for all Members and staff when I say: Thank you, David for your service to the House and to the Committee on Ways and Means. He is going to be greatly missed around here.

RECOGNIZING ELLIJAY'S RIVER STREET TAVERN

HON. DOUG COLLINS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the River Street Tavern in Ellijay, Georgia. After conducting a nationwide poll, the Brewer's Association and Forbes Magazine recognized this local favorite as one of the best craft beer restaurants in the country.

With Gilmer County roots that trace back multiple generations, Brad and Heather Simmons have always been active in their community. Brad worked as a sergeant in the Gilmer County Fire Department, and Heather managed Jilly's Pub, a role that inspired her to have a restaurant of her own.

Years later, Brad and Heather bought Jilly's Pub, which they turned into the River Street Tavern. Since 2014, the restaurant has proudly served up sips of North Georgia with its wide variety of locally brewed beer.

Committed to welcoming each person who passes through their doors, the staff at River Street Tavern has turned many Northeast Georgians into regular guests. Whether they're enjoying live music or trying to get a dollar to stick to the ceiling, people return to the restaurant for good fare and good company.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the River Street Tavern on its well-deserved achievement. I wish Brad, Heather, and the rest of the team well as their business continues to grow.

DAVE MURPHY

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dave Murphy for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Dave Murphy is a student at Drake Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dave Murphy is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dave Murphy for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING JOE "JOE Q" QUATTRONE

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the outstanding achievements of Joe Quattrone and his lifelong commitment to serving others.

Mr. Quattrone was born in Reggio di Calabria, a town on the southern "toe" of Italy. He grew up the child of farmers, seeing the tyranny of Benito Mussolini firsthand. Just before the outbreak of World War II, Joe's eldest brother came to America, whom Joe would follow fifteen years later, settling in Steubenville, Ohio.

Upon arrival, Joe began work in his brother's restaurant. Shortly thereafter, he became a naturalized citizen, and served in the United States Air Force for one year, before returning to the family business. In 1960, Mr. Quattrone made a visit to Washington, D.C. He fell in love with the area, and moved here with his wife Rita. He continued working in the food industry, this time for a friend, while picking up extra work in construction. After five years on the job, he suffered a fall resulting in an inability to continue physical labor. Still needing work, a friend suggested barber school, and the rest is history.

After a brief time in a private shop, Mr. Quattrone landed a job in the Pentagon. He worked there for a couple of years before moving to Andrews Air Force Base. While on base, there came an opening in the barber shop in the House of Representatives. With the help of his Congressman from Ohio, the late Wayne Hays, Mr. Quattrone was hired and began his service to the men and women of the Capitol on March 2, 1970, and has remained ever since.

In the 48 years Mr. Quattrone has served his country, longer than any current member of Congress, he has met and chatted with an entire generation of lawmakers. Frequent clients over the years included President H. W. Bush, Vice President Gore, House Speaker Tip O'Neil, and Senator Ted Kennedy. He was especially close to then House Minority Leader, turned Vice President and President, Mr. Gerald Ford, cutting his hair just days before his ascent to his final office, about which Joe would later remark, "He had no idea it was coming." They remained lifelong friends, an admiration that was surely mutual.

When Mr. Quattrone began his work, there were sixteen barbers employed in House office buildings. Today, he is one of only three left, all of whom are now located in the Rayburn Building. But given his status as an "institution" in Congress, his clients aren't ready to let him go just yet. Mr. Quattrone will tell you that the most important, and his favorite, part of the job has always stayed the same: he still gets to meet and talk with people every day. For many of us here, including myself, Joe Q. is family.

His dedication to the people of New Jersey and our Capitol has impacted the lives of many, and serves as a role model for generations of public servants.

The job of a United States Congressman involves much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing and commemorating

the achievements of dedicated men and women like Mr. Quattrone.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join our colleagues, family, friends, all those whose lives he has touched, and me, in recognizing the work of Joe Quattrone and his dedication to keeping Washington looking sharp.

TRIBUTE TO MARILYN AND DONALD LITTLE

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Marilyn and Donald Little of Winterset, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 65th wedding anniversary.

Marilyn and Donald's lifelong commitment to each other and their family truly embodies our Iowa values. As they reflect on their 65th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 65 years together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion and in wishing them both nothing but continued success.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2018 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

APRIL 24

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2019 and the Future Years Defense Program.

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